

Amendments to the Specification

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This application is the National Stage of Application No. PCT/EP2004/008860, filed on August 6, 2004, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisionals Application Nos. 60/493,985, 60/493,599, 60/493,867 and 60/493,836, all filed August 8, 2003. The contents of both are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

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Abstract

The invention discloses human secreted polypeptides that circulate at an increased level in the plasma of patients with cardiovascular disorders. The invention also provides methods of using compositions including the polypeptides, polynucleotides encoding them, and antibodies specific for these polypeptides, for diagnosis, prognosis, and for drug development.